

Egypt agrees to PoW swap from today; I.D.F. to control supplies to 3rd Army, Suez

By ZEEV SCHUL and ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Reporters

The first group of Israel soldiers taken prisoner by the Egyptians in the Yom Kippur War will be repatriated today by Red Cross plane from Cairo, following an agreement reached yesterday between Israel and Egypt on the implementation on the ground of the six-point cease-fire accord signed on Sunday.

Under yesterday's agreement, the U.N. will set up two checkpoints on the Cairo-Suez road, at Kilometres 101 and 130, near the entrance to the town of Suez, while Israel will retain full control over the entire stretch of the road.

Israel units will also be able to effectively supervise the U.N. inspection of the non-military supplies to the estimated 10,000 civilians in Suez town and 20,000 soldiers of the beleaguered Third Army. With the setting up of the U.N. checkpoints today, the exchange of prisoners of war between Israel and Egypt is to begin this morning, with the first Red Cross plane with wounded Israeli soldiers to leave Cairo at 8 a.m. Simultaneously, another Red Cross plane is to leave Lod Airport with wounded Egyptian prisoners.

The Egyptians yesterday submitted a list of 238 Israeli prisoners of war (including the wounded) and undertook to let them be flown home within one week by International Red Cross planes. During that time, Israel will also release some 8,400 Egyptian prisoners of war, including 400 wounded. The 238 Israeli prisoners include 45 wounded who will be the first to return home today.

AP reported from Cairo last night that the exchange of POWs would include nine Israelis who have been held in Egypt since before the October war.

Yesterday's agreement also covers the evacuation of some 1,500 wounded soldiers of the beleaguered Third Army and civilians from the town of Suez.

Yesterday's agreement was first flashed by General Silasvuo in a radio dispatch to U.N. headquarters in New York. General Silasvuo relayed his report from Kilometre 101, where he was chairing the Israel-Egyptian negotiations on Sunday's six-point truce agreement devised by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

An International Red Cross spokesman said yesterday that the agreement to exchange prisoners of war within a week was a compromise between an Egyptian proposal to complete the operation in 19 days and an Israeli request to carry it out in a single day. Observers yesterday noted that after the 1987 war it took six months to effect a truce of nearly 6,000 Egyptian prisoners for 11 Israelis.

The Red Cross said the exchange of prisoners would be carried out by two of its planes. One of these is an 188-seat DC-9 passenger aircraft, the other is a DC-6 equipped with stretchers. The first will be leaving Lod this morning, while the other is scheduled to leave Cairo with the first batch of wounded Israelis. The planes will fly direct in both directions.

There had been no word by last night on the issue of an exchange of prisoners with Syria, although the question was believed to have been raised in Damascus yesterday by a visiting emissary of U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Mr. Waldheim's envoy, Roberto Guyer of Argentina, is currently on a Middle East tour which will also include Jerusalem and Cairo. Mr. Guyer was reported to be laying the groundwork for the Israel-Arab peace conference which the Security Council is planning to call for next month.

After more than three hours of intense discussion, interrupted by numerous pauses and consultations between the members of the Israel

Cairo omits mention of PoW exchange

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Cairo's news media last night made no mention of yesterday's accord on the exchange of war prisoners, although they stressed that the six-point truce agreement would go into effect this morning.

The Egyptian state radio networks quoted a U.N. spokesman on Israel's "pullback" from the Cairo-Suez road and the takeover by U.N. forces of the checkpoints there.

The Egyptian broadcasts claimed that the extent of the Israel pullback from the Cairo-Suez highway, "in accordance with the October 22 cease-fire lines," would have to be determined before the rest of the clauses in the six-point agreement are implemented. They noted that implementation of this agreement in full was the first step in that of U.N. Security Council Resolution 338, which calls for the implementation of Resolution 242 and the convening of an Israel-Arab peace conference.

Meanwhile, the 18-nation Arab League said in Cairo yesterday that Arab leaders would hold a summit conference in Algiers on Monday, November 26. The conference was said to have been called jointly by the Egyptian and the Syrian Presidents, to discuss the Arab attitude towards the latest developments.

Accord for PoW exchange

The IDF spokesman announced last night:

At the meeting held today (Wednesday) between the IDF delegation headed by Aluf Aharon Yariv, and the Egyptian delegation headed by Gen. Abdul Ghanem Gamazy, under the auspices of U.N. Commander Gen. Ennio Silasvuo, the following practical arrangements were finalized, following the agreement between the delegations signed on Sunday, November 11, 1973.

a) The exchange of wounded and unjured prisoners will commence tomorrow morning (Thursday) at 08.00 hours, when the first group of prisoners will leave Egypt for Israel.

The prisoners, who will be exchanged under the auspices of the International Red Cross, will be taken by air from Egypt to Israel and vice versa, simultaneously. The exchange will continue for about one week.

b) Arrangements were agreed upon regarding non-military supplies for Suez town and for the Third Army.

Accord should ease Israel-U.N. tensions

By MALKA RABINOWITZ, Jerusalem Post Reporter

SUEZ-CAIRO ROAD.—The agreement reached yesterday afternoon on setting up U.N. checkpoints on the road to Suez will presumably ease the tension which has been building up between Israel and U.N. troops.

The two sides had differences again yesterday morning, when U.N. troops tried to set up a checkpoint outside the town of Suez without Israel consent.

(The road marker at this site reads 150, indicating the road is 150 kilometers from the centre of Cairo; the U.N. has been calling it 119, using a railway measurement.)

When Aluf Yariv touched down by helicopter at the disputed site at 11.30 yesterday, the array of forces on the ground had its comic aspect. Israel troops were relaxed but kept a sharp lookout at white trucks aboard which were sitting expressionless Finnish U.N. troops awaiting further orders from headquarters. One blue-helmeted U.N. soldier leaned against a truck holding a furled U.N. flag. There was apparently no attempt this time to raise it.

The situation was thus one of cease-fire when Yariv continued by helicopter another 20 kilometres up the road for his scheduled noon meeting with Egyptian General Mohammed Gamazy at Kilometre 101. Here the Israelis controlled the barrier on the Suez side, facing a line of Egyptian troops on the Cairo side, about 10 metres away, with U.N. troops more or less in between.

As if in demonstration of Israel control of the road, a convoy of U.N. trucks, carrying supplies and men to U.N. camps near Suez, had to wait an hour for permission to pass through the Israeli roadblock.

One indication that the talks were going well inside the U.N. tent at

Syrians open fire for tract at Beit Jann

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV.—More violations of the cease-fire were reported yesterday from the Syrian front as well as the Suez Canal lines.

There were four shooting incidents in the north — all in the Mazarat Beit Jann area where the Syrians continue to claim a strip of territory which they say was occupied by Israel after the October 22 cease-fire deadline.

The exchanges, restricted to light weapons fire, started at 7.55 a.m. and were repeated at 9 o'clock, 11 and 11.40. The last exchange continued intermittently for more than an hour.

Two exchanges were reported from the Canal front. These resulted from Egyptian attempts to interfere with earth-moving by a bulldozer on the west bank of Lake Timsah, south of Ismailia. The shooting occurred at 11.35 a.m. and again at 6 p.m.

North Korea at U.N. for the first time

UNITED NATIONS (UPI).—North Korea, in its first appearance at the U.N., yesterday asked the General Assembly's Main Political Committee to allow reunification of Korea without outside interference.

Likud complains of concessions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Likud leader Haim Landau denounced yesterday's published agreement on prisoner of war exchange as "a far-reaching concession." The Herut M.K. noted that, only the day before, the Government had rejected the demand for U.N. supervision of supplies to the town of Suez City and the Egyptian Third Army, which they have now given into, he said.

Mr. Landau also said that the agreement said nothing about the Bab el-Mandeb blockade. While welcoming the release of our prisoners from Egypt, he said Israel paid "a high political and security price" for it.

TITO ENDS TALKS WITH BREZHNEV

MOSCOW (Reuters).—President Tito of Yugoslavia and Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev yesterday rounded off three days of talks on bilateral and world problems, including the Middle East.

Observers here believe that although the Soviet leadership is ready to hear Yugoslav views on the Middle East, it has few illusions that "non-aligned" countries, most of whom have firmly backed the Arabs, can play any concrete role.

Yariv and Sharon, would-be M.K.s, in army illegally

By DAVID LANDAU, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Generals Aharon Yariv and Ariel Sharon will have to leave their army posts immediately unless the Knesset passes a special law enabling them to remain. This is the opinion of Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, Chairman of the National Elections Committee.

Justice Cohn — along with the Chief of Staff and the Attorney General — were the addressees yesterday of letters sent by the Meri Knesset faction of Uri Avnery protesting that Generals Yariv and Sharon were contravening the law by serving in the army.

Both officers are candidates for the Knesset in the coming elections. Under the law, senior officers or civil servants must stand down 100

days before the election date. Both Yariv and Sharon ended their professional careers in the army some months ago — but were called back to the reserves when the war broke out. The law forbids Knesset candidates from serving in the reserves within the 100-day period.

General Yariv is Israel's chief negotiator with the Egyptians at Kilometre 101. Aluf Sharon commands one of the I.D.F. forces across the Suez Canal.

Jerusalem readies for peace parley

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

My second visit to Jerusalem since the cease-fire agreement was announced, the talks for a final settlement with Egypt began yesterday. In each other, the technical details in- gested to the globe. It was necessary to have a free channel of communication, as not given its formal status, the talks are being widely as the likeliest venue, would prefer Cyprus as more convenient.

He thought not to object to the talks — but this

too remains to be settled in con- tacts with the U.S. and with Egypt. Theoretically, the next item on the cease-fire agenda — talks aimed at securing a disengagement of forces — should be conducted by the military negotiators, Generals Yariv and Gamazy. But such talks may well get bogged down and this subject of disengagement would then presumably be referred to the peace talks themselves, to be settled by the politicians.

Intensive contacts with the U.S. Government are continuing both in Jerusalem and in Washington. Yesterday, Ambassador Kenneth Keating spent more than an hour with Mrs. Meir at the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem. Officials refused to disclose any details of the meeting.

60 Dutch trucks, drivers here

By NA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

A fleet of 60 articulated trucks, necessary to complete with their work, arrived yesterday, to help over- come the transport shortage result- ing from the war. A team of two trucks and six operating staff were brought here by the day-trucking company, under- called growth of the Ministry of Trans- portation will work in Israel for a period of three months, with an option of renewal.

The company's general manager, Mr. Lely, told The Jerusalem Post that they were "happy to be here, to help Israel out." His de- partment will stay in local hotels, to work up to 16 hours a day, wherever needed. He has been informed that they would work mainly to clear goods from the ports in Haifa and Ashdod.

In answer to a question, Mr. De Lely said they were "not at all worried" by possible Arab reactions. "We're not politicians, and we're not doing anything military, just helping to transport cargoes," he said, adding that his company worked in many countries in Europe, as far as Russia.

He declined to talk of the cost of the deal, which he said was a commercial matter between the company and the Transport Ministry, "which invited us." The 60 trucks, and their 40 tractor cabins, were only part of the company's fleet, he added.

The Dutchmen will be working in coordination with the Hanameli Hehadash trucking cooperative, and during their first few days in Israel will be accompanied by guides to show them the roads, "and get used to driving in Israel." Mr. De Lely said his men were "ready to start work tomorrow morning."

Besides the Dutch trucks and drivers, 100 new trucks purchased in Europe by the Transport Ministry also arrived in the port yesterday. They are part of the 2,500 trucks of various kinds the Ministry is buying. They will be offered for sale to local companies and drivers. The Ministry's Directorate General, Dan Hiram, said that it may now not be necessary to bring another 100 heavy trucks and their drivers from the U.S., as had been planned.



LORRY DRIVERS pose in front of I.A.N. vehicles on arriving yesterday at port from Trieste to help move citrus and other commodities in view of the shortage of heavy transport on the home front. (Oppa)

100 Syrians aid killed air raids

AP.—At least 2,000 are killed in Israel air raids during the October

Refugee Aid claimed day. Jordan added that near- were killed in South as a result of Israel at- tention, approximately 2,000 were rendered by the raids on villages, he said.

He said he visited Syria, and was to go to gain first-hand infor- mation on the situation before he left his organization.

The number of family members in Syria, by war high as 5,000. "An esti- mated 100,000 Syrians are homeless, newly occupied areas from elsewhere in Syria,"

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Soviets okayed crossing into pre-1967 Israel

KUWAIT (AFP).—The Russians told the Arabs soon after the war began last month that they need not stop at Israel's pre-1967 boundaries, a Kuwaiti member of parliament told a gathering of university students here yesterday.

The member of parliament, Ahmed al-Khatib, told the students that the Kremlin leaders had made this clear to Algeria's President Houari Boumedienne when he visited Moscow the day after fighting started in the Middle East. He said that President Boumedienne had told the Russians "to charge Algeria for all Soviet military aid to the Arabs." The Russians replied that it was not the time to make accounts. They said their support for the Arab cause was total even if this meant going beyond the pre-1967 borders.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with possible local rain in north and central Israel. Weather synopsis: Trough from Europe to the eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's High-Low	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	75-51	10-18
Golan	91-61	6-13
Nahariya	72-42	13-23
Safed	88-58	10-18
Haifa	72-42	13-23
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Qaza	62-32	14-26
Beer Sheva	62-32	14-26
Eilat	62-32	14-26
Tiran	32-2	18-28

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Baron Edmond de Rothschild and a delegation of Canadian Zionist Federation leaders at his residence in Jerusalem.

The Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, Heinz Kuhn, yesterday called on Prime Minister Golda Meir in Jerusalem. He was accompanied by the West German Ambassador, Jesco von Puttkamer. Also calling on Mrs. Meir was Marcus Sfeet, of London, and a delegation of UJA leaders, headed by general chairman Paul Zuckerman.

Roser Chinn, Chairman of the JNF in England, will give a lecture on "The Anglo-Jewish Community in Emergency" at the weekly meeting of the Tel Aviv Rotary Club at 1.15 p.m. today.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg will address this week's Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper on the subject "Campaigns at Home and Abroad," and the journalist Ya'acov Edelstein, who accompanied the minister on his visit to Rumania, will describe the visit. The newspaper will take place at Jerusalem's Beit Agnon at 8.00 p.m. on Saturday.

DEPARTURES

Adin Talbar, deputy director-general for foreign trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, on a mission to six Latin American countries on behalf of the U.N. (by El Al).

Meir Wilner, M.K. for Moscow, on a mission for the New Communist Party (Baksh).

Alignment majority: Public committee should probe war

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. Most of the Labour Alignment's ministers and Knesset faction incline towards having a public enquiry commission headed by a Supreme Court Justice study the questions posed about the initial stages of the war. This was learned last night from authoritative Alignment sources.

The Cabinet may take up the proposal at its weekly meeting on Sunday, it was learned. The Government will consult with the opposition on the composition of such a commission, it was said.

There is, however, another school of thought. It is that advocated by Government whip Moshe Baran, who would prefer that the Government itself conduct the enquiry.

He is reported to have aired his anxiety concerning enquiry commissions as an institution, arguing that the enquiry into the Netivei Neft affair evoked more critical reactions among the public than approval.

There is yet a third view which enjoys the support of a few Cabinet ministers and particularly of the National Religious Party and parts of the opposition. They want the enquiry handled by a sub-unit of the

Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs committee.

A proposal for a seven-man committee has been put forward—Haim Zedok, Moshe Carmel, Yitzhak Navon and Ya'acov Hazan of the Alignment, Menahem Begin and Yitzhak Rabin of the Likud. This last proposal is particularly disliked by Premier Golda Meir, who believes an enquiry conducted by party representatives would inevitably be an extension of the election campaign and not produce any non-partisan result acceptable to the public at large.

The Alignment sources envisaged a commission headed by the President of the Supreme Court, Justice Shimon Agranat. It would have another five members chosen with an eye to their lack of involvement in politics.

Three of them would be former veterans in the security field (four names are being mentioned in this connection: Prof. Yigael Yadin, Haim Laskov, Yacov Amit and Amos Horev). The other two members would probably be drawn from the top ranks of the academic community.

Bar-Lev: We must have no recurrence of Oct. 6

TEL AVIV. — Two ministers — Haim Bar-Lev and Shimon Peres — discussed the conduct of the recent war and the lessons to be drawn for the future before audiences in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Speaking to members of the Moshav Movement, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev said steps will have to be taken to ensure that what happened during the initial stages of the war will never recur. "At the same time," he said, "there was nothing fundamentally at fault when the war broke out — the Israel Defence Forces were ready, but they had to meet an attack at a moment when all their components were not at the highest state of alert."

Transport and Communication Minister Peres spoke to Alignment of local and labour councils members at the Yabday Club here. Referring to the growing controversy surround-

the politicization of the Israel Defence Forces, Mr. Peres said this phenomenon has a long history going back to the decision taken by his mentor, David Ben-Gurion — who was determined to separate the army and politics — to disband the Palmah and the Irgun Zvai Leumi immediately the State was established.

This separation is no less important today than it was then, he said. "While we can respect and admire Ahud 'Arik Sharon, the brilliant military commander, we must take issue with Mr. Ariel Sharon, the politician."

Mr. Peres said the war justified Israel's refusal to withdraw from the administered territories.

Meir warns Mapam to toe Alignment line

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Premier Golda Meir has warned Mapam against going too far in opposing government policy while remaining part of the Alignment. She did so at a closed meeting of the Labour-Mapam Alignment Knesset faction.

She remarked: "It is out of the question in a democracy that after sitting and discussing things together, each one goes his own way." She was taking issue with the latest decisions of the Mapam Political Committee which urged a revision of Alignment policy, and dissociated itself from government decisions taken since 1967.

(Mapam deplored the policy "which produced only a territorial and political impasse.")

Mrs. Meir said "We are at the start of very tough and difficult struggles even with our best friends, and you (Mapam) hold a political debate and adopt resolutions. I ask you to desist."

Later she added: "Maybe we will reach the conclusion that it is impossible to carry on together, although I do believe we can." Mrs. Meir warned that Israel was heading for a really tough period.

Civilian trucks back to owners next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Starting next week civilian trucks now operated by Melah (the emergency transport authority) will be released to their owners, the Transport Ministry announced yesterday.

The decision follows complaints by the trucking industry of inefficient use of their vehicles under emergency regulations. Truckers say that with the restoration of normal freight rates — replacing the fixed, low, rates set by Melah — the hauling industry is moving towards recovery. This recovery will benefit the entire economy, they point out.

Egged increases service from T.A.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. Egged is increasing its service on a number of lines from Sunday. Egged spokesman Mordechai Shifman announced yesterday. Nearly all the suburban lines that run through Tel Aviv, as well as the urban lines of Bat Yam, Holon and Herzliya, will be operating at 15-20 minute intervals between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m.

From next week Egged hopes to have nearly all Jerusalem's urban lines operating until 9.30 p.m. The lines from Tel Aviv to Beer-Sheva, Ashdod and Ashdod will operate from 5.30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and will leave at 20-30-minute intervals.

The bus from Tel Aviv to Eilat via Mitzpe Ramon will leave at 7 a.m. and via the Arava at 8.30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

An express Haifa bus will leave the Central Bus Station every 15 or 20 minutes, and the local buses every half hour, from 5.30 a.m. until 8 p.m. A bus will leave every hour from Tel Aviv to Tiberias between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. To Kiryat Shmona the buses will leave at 6.15 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m., and at 6 p.m.

The lines to Hadera, Pardes Hanna and Zichron Ya'acov will operate from 5.30 a.m. until 8 p.m. every 20 to 30 minutes. The Tel Aviv-Netanya and Tel Aviv-Kfar Saba lines will operate from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m. every 15 minutes.

The Tel Aviv-Jerusalem express will run every 15-20 minutes.

Journalists try to cross the lines

By DANIEL GREELER

KILOMETRE 101 CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD (AP). — "Journalists from Cairo?" gasped an Israeli soldier. "Wanting to cross the cease-fire line? Have the Egyptians gone crazy?"

It was typical of the incredulous reaction among Israelis at this checkpoint when a party of newsmen arrived from Cairo Tuesday, wanting to visit Suez City.

"Somebody on the other side told them they'd be taken to Suez," said an Israeli press official.

"Sure," joked Aluf Avraham Ori, military governor of the Israeli-held portion of the West Bank of the Suez Canal, "as long as they are a party of our journalists to Cairo."

The prospect of journalists wanting to cross from enemy Egypt without Israeli government permission was — as one soldier put it — "to normal" (crasy).

The journalists, who arrived in two buses, were kept waiting for three hours behind the barbed-wire barrier. A line of U.N. military policemen separated them from the Israeli side.

The problem appeared to stem from a misunderstanding. Israel allowed U.N. troops to take over the Kilometre 101 checkpoint Monday, and according to the cease-fire agreement, this could have been interpreted to mean the U.N. had jurisdiction over who moved into Israeli-held territory.

The Israelis say this isn't so. Near the U.N. checkpoint, Israeli machinegun nests faced Egypt.



An Israeli officer, identified as Baron (Captain) Neftali Shinar, smilingly talks with Egyptian Colonel Youssef Meikel at Kilometre 101 Tuesday. (AP radio photo)

CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATOR GAMAZY IS 'NEW STAR'

The men who run Egypt's army

By JOHN DE ST. JOBE

CAIRO (Ons). — The Egyptian General who signed the cease-fire agreement with Israel last week is a new figure among his country's top military leaders. Major-General Muhammad Abdul Ghani el Gamazy, a former tank officer who is widely credited with master-minding the Egyptian crossing of the Suez Canal, has been appointed Director of Military Operations. He ranks third in the military hierarchy, after General Ahmed Ismail, the Army Commander, and Major-General Shazli, his Chief of Staff.

There had been a serious weakness in the chain of command between the staff in Cairo and the generals on the battle front, and General Gamazy's new job will be to coordinate the Second and Third Armies on the Suez front if fighting resumes. He has been the leading spokesman on the Egyptian side in the cease-fire talks since they began, and he thus combines leading roles in peace and war.

The appointment of Gamazy, who worked under Shazli for some time, inevitably shifts considerable operational responsibilities from Shazli to Gamazy. Although a respected and popular figure, Shazli has emerged from the war with a dent in his reputation.

Some of the blame for the Israeli breakthrough on the West Bank has stuck to him, particularly since he directed operations personally in the later stages in the desperate but vain attempt to stem the Israeli tide.

Also, the Special Forces, with whom he made his name after the 1967 war, achieved less than what was expected of them in behind-the-lines operations in

Sinai.

However, the wider assessments about Shazli's behaviour, such as the story that he allegedly shot his own officers after the Israeli breakthrough, have been firmly denied by military sources in Cairo, and are written off as coffee house gossip by informed observers. Rumours of disciplinary action in the forms of court-martial persist, but the only major change in military command has been replacement of the Second Army Commander, Major-General Sa'ad Maamun, by Major-General Abdul Moneim Khalil.

Khalil, who commanded the Second Army once before, has been brought back from the edge of retirement, and is an experienced officer. Maamun is said to have had a heart attack just before the cease-fire, after initially underestimating and then misreporting the strength of the Israeli thrust in the central sector.

The Second Army, ordered to deal with the incursion, sent inadequate reinforcements. After several crucial delays Shazli came from Cairo and ordered in an armoured division, which suffered heavy losses, including the life of a brigadier — from Israeli wire-guided anti-tank missiles mounted on helicopters. Most of the Egyptian missile sites were knocked out by the helicopters or small, fast-moving tank columns.

The Egyptian Army has proved itself in set-piece attacks, but it lacked the flexibility to deal with the highly mobile and imaginative tactics which the Israelis adopted.

There are conflicting reports about the status of the Third Army Commander, Major-General

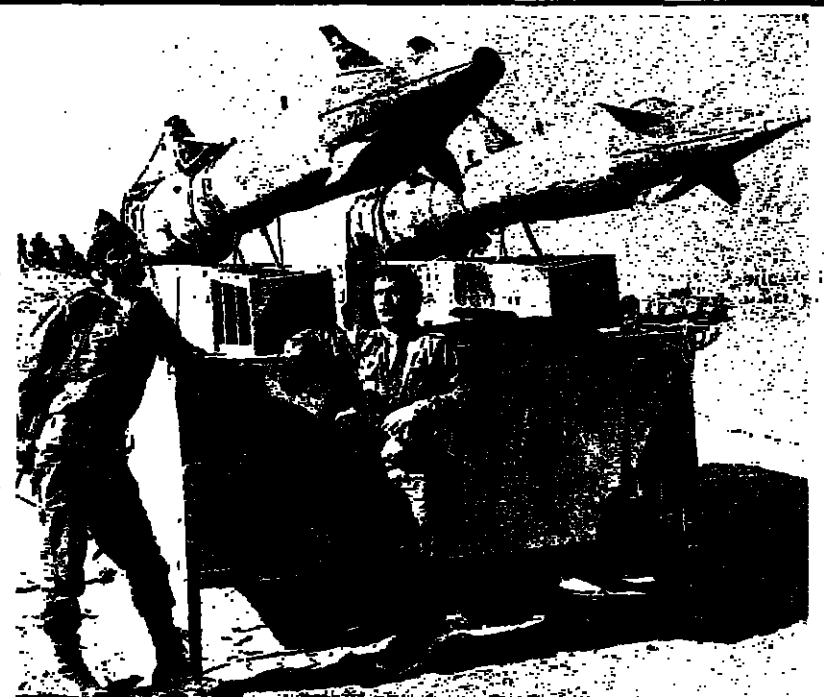
Abdul Moneim Mawassil. One version is that he has been promoted to become a personal aide of General Ismail, another that he remains in command on the Sinai front with the 20,000 beleaguered men on the east bank of the Canal.

With another 15,000 men inside Suez City itself and a thin slice of the west bank of the Canal held by Egyptian forces, nearly half the Third Army is encircled by the Israelis. In the words of an Egyptian official, its condition remains "difficult but not desperate."

The most pressing problem is the plight of the 1,475 military and civilian wounded crammed into the 500-bed Suez Hospital. Red Cross sources described conditions there as "appalling" — a factor that helped to convince the Egyptian Government that a "corridor" through Israeli lines into Suez road needed to be secured.

Meanwhile, the military build-up continues. "More reservists have been called up and a new infantry division is reported to be in formation in the First Army or 'Central Zone' area, which defends Cairo. A steady stream of lorries carrying sacks of cement and steel bars for missile sites has been observed moving eastwards towards the Canal.

The Russian airlift, often competing for air space with U.S. air force transports ferrying in U.N. supplies, is still moving on and includes shipments of the latest and most sophisticated Soviet tank, the T-62. Algeria has supplied 200 medium tanks as well as a fully-equipped armoured brigade, and Libya has sent in 50 tanks and some artillery.



A couple of Israeli soldiers pose beside a pair of "Sam-2" missiles — actually dummies — in captured Egyptian territory west of the Suez Canal. The dummies were meant to fool Israeli bombers. (IFPA)

LOCAL RAIN PREDICTED IN NORTH

Tuesday night's rain cleared up yesterday morning for the most part, but the weatherman last night predicted possible scattered showers in north and in central Israel today.

Maximum temperatures forecast for today: Jerusalem — 18, Tel Aviv — 22, Haifa — 23, Beer Sheva — 25, and Eilat — 28.

Tel Aviv and Jerusalem were cool, cloudy and windy yesterday, but there was no rain. In the North there were a few scattered showers.

A total of 140 mm. of rain have fallen there so far this year, and 60 mm. of rain have fallen in the Jordan and Beisan Valleys. The weatherman said these figures were "satisfactory" for this time of the year.

THE ANNUAL "Knock-on-Every-Door" fund-raising campaign by the Israel Cancer Society has been postponed from November 20 till March 12, 1974.

Israel-U.S. soccer return match today

TEL AVIV. — Israel and the United States will play a return soccer match at the Beersheba city stadium at 2.45 p.m. today.

Israel's national team coach announced yesterday that Yossef Sorinov will replace Yitzhak Visoker in the Israel goal.

On Tuesday Israel won the first match between the countries 3:1. The visiting U.S. team yesterday called on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek at City Hall. Each player received a lapel button with the emblem of Jerusalem, and the team received a flag of the city.

Washing machines, fridges dearer

The Price Review Committee last night approved a 12 per cent increase in the price of Amcor washing machines, and rises of 12 to 18 per cent for its refrigerators, depending on model.

Other price rise approvals yesterday included: mayonnaise and mustard, 13 to 20 per cent; cotton fabric, up to 10 per cent; and corrugated cardboard, 3.5 per cent.



Two representatives of ORT-Netanya's Student Council met in Jerusalem yesterday with the Dutch Ambassador and gave him a letter of thanks for the Dutch people's support of Israel. From left to right are the Ambassador, Gerrit Jan Jongenals, the vocational school's activities coordinator, Avraham Engelhardt, Arnon Tal and Ronit Dreiman. Arnon and Ronit also brought the Ambassador a personal gift: a Hanukkah candelabrum made in one of the school's workshops. (El Weiss)

Volunteering still high despite the cease-fire

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Despite the fact that a cease-fire has been in effect since October 24, youngsters' readiness to volunteer has not diminished.

In the past few days, for example, some 7,000 high school pupils went from door to door collecting contributions for the Soldiers Welfare Association. The fund-raising drive was initiated by the Central Student Council here, and IL250,000 has already been collected.

At the same time, elementary school youngsters this week shipped off 60 tons of parcels to front-line soldiers. Each one includes a letter from one of the children. Many thousands of parcels were also sent by kindergarten boys, only these included drawings rather than letters from the children. (School teachers report that many of the letters included in gift parcels sent during the past few weeks have been answered by the soldiers who got them.)

Vocational school pupils had original ideas of their own for making the soldiers' lives more pleasant. Pupils at Jaffa's Orim trade school and at the Shalom school on Rehov Hananya have been working after class in the school canteen shops making sheet-beds for the troops. Some 150 such beds have already been fashioned.

The pupils then purchase the beds and game pieces, wrap each game separately, and include a younger child's letter in the pack which is then shipped to the front.

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Envoys to Europe to aid Israel's information drive

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Ministry is sending two dozen of its top officials to countries of Western Europe and South America to help there with Israel's information campaign. The heads of departments and former ambassadors will spend several weeks abroad. They will assist on-the-spot information officers and will seek to establish contacts with government officials, parliamentarians, and media men.

This heightened information campaign by the Foreign Ministry stems from a growing conviction that public opinion in Europe is not in sympathy with the European governments' policies on the Middle East — particularly their obvious bowing to Arab oil pressures. Public disgust at the know-nothing of some European governments has been increasingly reflected in the press, especially in Germany, Britain and to a lesser degree France.

(According to "Der Spiegel," West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel complained at a Cabinet meeting recently that the German press did not show "enough understanding" toward Bonn's Middle East policy — and that the Israel Embassy's information efforts were at least in part to blame. Officials in Jerusalem were encouraged by this report.)

Kahane protests 'capitulation'

TEL AVIV. — Jewish Defence League leader Meir Kahane yesterday called for a massive public protest against what he called "the capitulation of the Israeli Government."

He said he personally would violate any law requiring him to agree to give up "a single inch of Eretz Yisrael."

Speaking to newsmen at Beit Sokolow here, Rabbi Kahane said the Government had lost its "moral mandate" to make vital decisions on behalf of the Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora. Any decision to withdraw could have no validity, he said.

"There are plenty of good Jews in Israel who are prepared to make sacrifices for their people and their country," he concluded, "and they are well aware of the nature of the bluff Kissinger is preparing for us here." (Hnm)

U.K. shuts off neons in bid to save fuel

LONDON (UPI). — The Government yesterday imposed a ban on floodlighting, advertising lighting and the use of electric heaters in Britain's offices, shops and pubs from midnight last night, to conserve fuel supplies.

The measures were part of the first orders issued under the state-of-emergency declaration issued Tuesday because of an overtime ban by miners and electric power engineers.

Meanwhile, the Civil Service Department sent a letter to all ministries, nationalized industries and local government authorities urging 10 per cent curbs in the use of fuel. Penalties for disobeying orders under the Emergency Powers Act are three months in jail, fines up to £100, or both.

Watergate prosecutor firing 'illegal'

WASHINGTON. — A federal judge ruled yesterday that Acting Attorney General Robert Bork acted illegally in dismissing former Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox. U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard Gesell ruled that the firing and subsequent abolition of Cox's office violated the regulations under which his post had been established.

The Justice Department had argued that Bork was justified in firing Cox because he has the power to fire any lower-ranking official. But Gesell ruled in response to a suit by three Democratic Congressmen: "An agency's power to revoke its regulations is not unlimited — such action must be neither arbitrary nor unreasonable."

Gesell said that both acts involving Cox and his office were arbitrary and unreasonable. But he provided for no remedy for the illegality, making his order a simple declaratory judgment on the legality of the firing. The ruling followed a hearing in which it was made clear that Cox, who returned to his job at the Harvard University Law School after being fired on October 20, does not want the job back. (AP, UPI)

Sapir doesn't see recession during 1974

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Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said last night he does not think there will be a recession next year. He was speaking in Tel Aviv at the meeting of the 40-member Economic Advisory Council appointed by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Sapir, who is chairman of the council, said Israel's living standards would be governed by the level of the reserve call-up. If the level remains as at present, the country could expect a slight dip in its living standards.

He also reported that industrial production is now back to 70 per cent of normal following a low 80 per cent during the early days of the war. Agriculture was near 100 per cent normal.

He said new Government schemes would be considered to help restore those sectors in a civilian economy that were hit by the war. Two much sought after construction and tourism.

Arabs walk out as Israeli addresses FAO

ROME. — Arab and Chinese delegates walked out of the plenary session of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) during a conference here yesterday when the Israel delegates proposed to deliver a speech.

Most of the Arab delegates, who quietly left their seats accompanied by some African colleagues, turned after Israel representative F. D. Meas had read his country statement on FAO proposals toward off the danger of future famines.

Mr. Meas supported the proposal for a system of international food stocks to tide the world over periods of shortage and widespread crop failures. Commenting on the walk-out, Meas told Reuters: "It doesn't worry me, but it is very dangerous when people start listening." U.S. Agriculture Secretary Earl Butte told the same meeting American will not remain an always-open supermarket in times of world food shortage. "Importing countries and private interests should not assume that the U.S. Government can and will maintain commercial reserves adequate for all customers under all conditions," he said. (Reuters, UPI)

Fund drives set goal of \$1,250m.

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In the wake of the war, the Jewish Agency has set a funding target of \$1,250m. for the current fiscal year — three times as much as was raised during 1967.

Dr. Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Agency, said in a press conference yesterday that \$600m. in cash will have to be raised in just the two months from the outbreak of the war to the end of November. He expressed confidence that the entire \$1,250m. would be raised by next July.

Of this, \$750m. will be raised in the U.S. and \$500m. in the rest of the world. In the year of the Six Day War, a total of \$600m. was raised.

Dr. Fisher said the response among Jews around the world was unprecedented. "Their enthusiasm was something unbelievable," he said. "People even mortgaged their homes."

Mr. Dulitz, Acting Chairman of the Jewish Agency, said that the Agency Executive Committee yesterday concluded a two-day session, decided to increase this fiscal year's budget from \$1,000m. to \$1,250m. The additional funds will be spent on immigration, including housing, as well as health, welfare and higher education.

Referring to a statement by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky that new arrangements will soon be instituted for the transit of immigrants to Israel, Mr. Dulitz said that these arrangements would permit "an orderly and human passage."

Dulitz said immigration was increasing despite the war.

'Just scratching the surface' 210m. in Israel Bonds sold during last war

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There have just begun to scratch the surface," Sam Rothberg, chairman of Israel Bonds, told members in Jerusalem yesterday.

Rothberg, with Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir sitting at his side, was reporting on Bonds sales in the U.S. and Canada during the Kippur War. He said that, in the past five weeks alone, some 210 million dollars worth of Bonds were sold, almost equaling the amount sold during the whole of the year of the Six Day War.

Mr. Sapir said that the Bonds are a "veteran fund-raiser for Israel." He said that the Bonds are "just scratching the surface of the great potential. We Jews in free world cannot count here on the Jewish solidarity you in another way — through the end of next month," he said, "we expect to report to the U.S. and Canada that we have sold \$500m. in Bonds for the year 1973."

According to Mr. Rothberg, the Bonds are "realize their investment and contribution. The reason: Israel receives 4 per cent interest on the Bonds, while the U.S. and Canada receive 9.5 per cent of the bonds are considerably higher."

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The trade deficit for the first nine months of this year reached \$1,076m. — 77 per cent greater than the \$609m. registered in January-September 1972.

The Central Bureau of Statistics, which released these figures yesterday, said that the trade deficit for the nine-month period showed \$2,150m. this year and \$1,392m. last.

From January through September this year, Israel exported \$1,750m. worth of goods, compared with \$785m. in the same period last year.

Congressmen plan on-spot study of M-E

WASHINGTON (UPI).

The 43-member House Armed Services Committee voted yesterday to send 21 of its members to Egypt and Israel to study the Middle East military situation.

Rep. Edward Hebert, (Dem.-La.), committee chairman, said the group, headed by Rep. Samuel Stratton (Dem.-N.Y.), will leave today and return Nov. 24, during the 10-day Thanksgiving Day House recess. They are travelling together and due to arrive in Israel Sunday.

"This situation has enormous implications for our national security and our defence costs," Mr. Hebert said. "We want to get the necessary information firsthand and not just through the filter of the executive branch."

He said the group will seek talks with leaders of each nation as well as visit "recently contested areas."

Foreign doctors laud care of wounded PoWs

LOD AIRPORT. — Three orthopedic surgeons from Canada, who left yesterday after a two-week voluntary stint treating wounded Egyptian prisoners at Shmuel Harofeh Hospital, said the enemy wounded received "the best possible medical care in the world."

The surgeons, Drs. Allan Gross, Harry Dubow and Fred Langer, told them they were part of a 12-man team of American and Canadian surgeons who volunteered their services after the war broke out. They said they hadn't expected to be treating wounded Arab prisoners, but "we gave our best, because we are doctors and because we hoped that wounded Israeli prisoners in Egypt and Syria would get the same care."

The doctors said many of the wounded had been brought in "more dead than alive, but thanks to the hospital's first-class staff and facilities most of them will lead normal lives again."

They said some of the patients had begged the hospital authorities to be allowed to remain as long as possible, apparently for fear that medical treatment in Egypt would not be as good. (Itim)

Convict freed to join army

TEL AVIV. — A local man serving time for house-breaking was let out of jail yesterday to go to the army.

The prisoner, Shmuel Becker, 24, had served 4½ months of his sentence when his call-up papers arrived at his home. His attorney appealed before Judge Hanna Eshmor for his release so he could rejoin his unit, and the prosecution agreed "provided it could be proved that his services were essential to the army."

Judge Eshmor ruled that in the present circumstances every soldier is essential to the army, and ordered his release. He noted that Becker had served his full term of compulsory service. (Itim)

IN WAKE OF DEARER FUEL El Al studies how to cut its costs

By GEORGE LEONOF

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El Al is investigating all feasible means of reducing operational expenses. The study is part of the quest of all international airlines for a cut in costs, and is a direct result of the soaring fuel costs.

The spokesman announced yesterday that the national carrier has named a team, headed by Benjamin Davidi, Vice-President, Operations Department, to suggest economies in time spent on the ground. It will compile a table of peak congestion times at relevant airports with regard to hours, day of the week and month — to enable El Al to rearrange schedules so that its aircraft spend the least possible time in landing and takeoff operations.

A study will also be made of optimal cruising altitudes, which could yield economy in fuel, and of predictable weather conditions, wind directions, etc.

The question of fuel conservation and a likely rise in fares as a result of the 75 per cent hike in fuel costs over the past six months is up for discussion at an IATA meeting in New Zealand. The international airlines insist they are unable to absorb this added expense completely.

Efforts are to be made to offset higher costs as far as possible by an agreement to replace commercial competition with cooperation among international airlines operating long-range flights across the Atlantic and to the Far East. For instance, a passenger pool could dispense with the not uncommon sight of a plane crossing the Atlantic with a dozen passengers — less than 10 per cent of its capacity. Passengers would be directed to a single airline, which would then share the flight's revenue with those of its colleagues who provided the aircraft.

It is believed that tighter flight schedules could take up part of the increased operating costs, leaving something between 10 and 20 per cent to be borne by the air traveller — still less than what the car, bus or train traveller has had to fork out.

Another area to be tackled is that of in-flight services. El Al President Mordechai Ben-Ari has already

Zim levies 5% surcharge on cargo to cover fuel hike

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HAIFA. — The Zim Company will levy a fuel surcharge equal to 5 per cent of freight charges on all cargo shipped to and from Israel as of this morning. It will raise the costs of Israel's foreign trade by an estimated \$12m. a month.

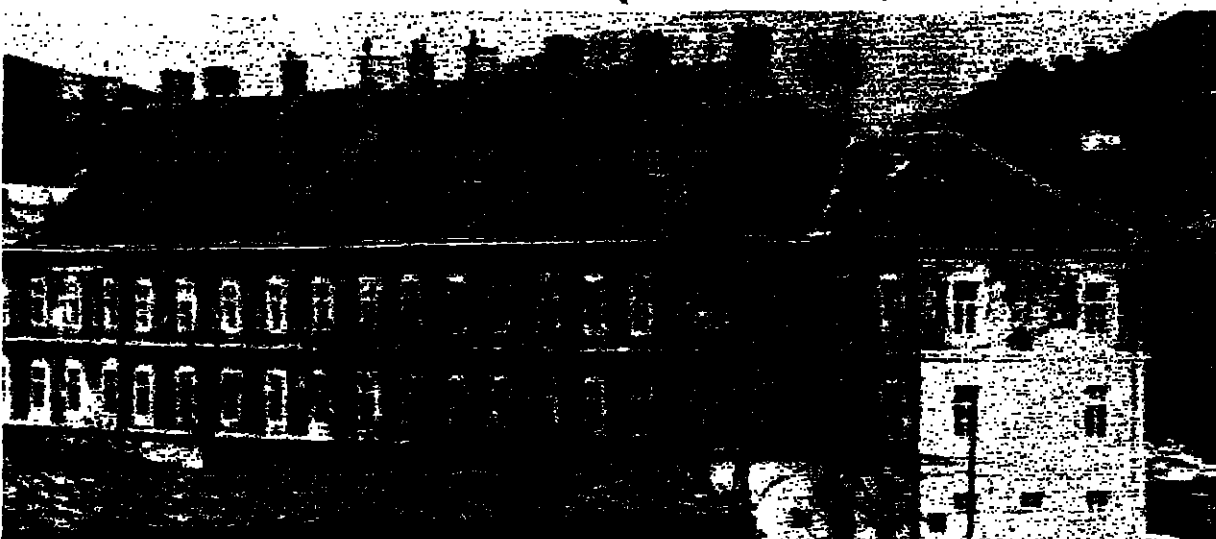
The surcharge, to compensate the company for the recent rise in bunker fuel prices throughout the world, was agreed to by the Shipper's Council.

The Zim management undertook to try and persuade the shipping conferences, which had called for a considerably higher surcharge, to accept the 5 per cent agreement. The surcharge will stay in force until the end of the year and is then to be adjusted in line with fuel price developments, as part of the general maritime freight rate increase to be agreed upon then.

Ashdod can't take immigrants: no current

ASEDOD. — Acting Mayor Arye Kling has sent telegrams to the Absorption and Housing Ministers asking them not to house new immigrants in new apartments in Ashdod until the town's electricity network has been extended.

Mr. Kling told an Itim reporter here that the new developments earmarked for immigrants were in an area not yet connected to the town's electric grid, and he feared the occupants of these buildings would have to live for some time without electricity before they were connected.



The main building of the Wollersdorf barracks, where a transit station is to be set up for Soviet Jews on their way to Israel through Austria. (AP radiophoto)

Schoenau's successor complains of risk

WOLLERSDORF, Austria (UPI).

Wollersdorf village council has protested to the Austrian government that a decision to set up an aid station for Soviet Jews at Wollersdorf is a danger to the village's 2,500 inhabitants. Otto Mayr, the council secretary, said yesterday that the station will be under the auspices of the Red Cross, and available only for emigrants needing rest or medical treatment.

"We have sent telegrams to the Ministers of Interior and Defence, the head of the state police, and three regional executives protesting against the decision," Mayr said. "The aid station will be a grave security risk for our population," Mr. Mayr said.

Chancellor Bruno Kreisky announced Monday that his government was closing down a transit camp for Soviet emigrants at Schoenau Castle and setting up an aid station for them at Wollersdorf.

Mr. Kreisky had promised to close Schoenau in exchange for the release of four hostages, including three Soviet Jews, seized by Arab gunmen Sept. 28 from a train bringing them from Moscow.

Defending his decision, Kreisky told Parliament Schoenau was in constant danger of attack by Arab terrorists. "What applies to Schoenau also applies to Wollersdorf," Mr. Mayr said.

More than 77,000 Soviet Jews en route to Israel have stopped over at Schoenau since 1971.

The station will be located in a three-story barracks on the outskirts of the village overlooking the main highway south from Vienna, and 40 kms. away.

Mr. Mayr said its proximity to the highway would make it an easy target for attack.

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Minister of Labour Yosef Almogi said yesterday he fears underprivileged families may be neglected as the nation re-orders its economy in the wake of war.

He told The Jerusalem Post in an interview that it is apparent that the need for absolute preparedness "will alter the priorities in our economy. Our standard of living, way of life and thinking will have to change. Pre-war plans for improving conditions for small earners could fall by the wayside. This must not be allowed to happen, and I hope it will not happen."

He disclosed that the National Insurance Institute's Pay Equalization Fund will make up the difference between a soldier's army pay and his civilian pay — up to a total of IL1,500 a month. Normally the fund does this only for a few days a reservist is called away from his job for training. Mr. Almogi said the fund has a reserve of IL140m., and can ask the Finance Ministry for more if needed.

The Labour Minister is not as pessimistic as some other people in Government concerning unemployment. "No, I don't think there will be a shortage of jobs," he said. "The problem will be labour mobility — the temporary dislocation of workers as industry shifts emphasis from one sector to another."

The Ministry's vocational re-training programme, he added, will go into high gear during the next few days to prepare workers and returning soldiers for new kinds of work.

Mr. Almogi, a perennial champion of cutting down on the number of "imported" workers from the administered areas, admitted those workers were important now. He said: "Of the 50,000 'green' people employed in Israel, only 25,000 are actually showing up for work these days. Our immediate need is for an additional 10,000 — to get the construction industry going again, and to help with the winter harvest."

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Population of Golan to be doubled

A plan to double the population of the Golan Heights, both by reinforcing existing settlements and establishing new ones, including an urban center — is now being drawn up, Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati said yesterday.

The Minister told a meeting of the Golan Heights Regional Council members that the kibbutz movement would have to play a key role. It would also be called upon to make the major adjustments needed to change the nation's "life style" as a result of the war, he said.

Despite the acute manpower and transportation shortage, the economy has stood up well in the current emergency, he said. The public has remained well-fed thanks to the "resourcefulness and improvisation" of the country's farmers. This was also true of other sectors: production of the Hama copper mines, for example, decreased by only 20 per cent, despite the mobilization of half of its workers, he said.

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Prof. Dostrovsky

BREKOVICH. — Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, acting president of the Weizmann Institute for the past year, was elected president of the Institute yesterday, at the first session of its Board of Governors' meeting. Prof. Dostrovsky succeeds Prof. Albert Sabin of the U.S.

He told the Governors the Institute would "step up its contributions to defence and industry without sacrificing its basic commitment to the broader ranges of scientific inquiry."

The present meeting of the Board is being attended by four Nobel Prize laureates: Prof. Christian R. Anfinsen, Prof. Ernst R. Chain, Prof. Robert Hofstadter and Prof. André M. Lwoff.

Yesterday the Board members were dinner guests of President Ephraim Katzir.

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GOLD FREED — NO CRISIS

THE manner in which the two-tier gold market has been abolished accurately reflects the disarray currently prevailing in world economic affairs. The two-tier market was established in 1968 as a compromise measure giving free vent to private gold speculation in an effort to maintain the Bretton Woods monetary system. With currency rates fluctuating faster and faster the double system has lost most of its raison d'être.

Nevertheless, the agreement between the central banks prohibiting them from selling or buying gold at more than the official price remained intact as no alternative proposal found general support.

At the recent meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Nairobi the issue was shelved, and it is still on the agenda of the group of twenty discussing ways and means for world monetary reform.

But now the seven rich nations which were the original signatories to the 1968 agreement have terminated it in a surprise move. The step was welcomed by the less rich because it did not involve any commitments concerning future arrangements.

The immediate result of the step has of course been a steep

drop in the free gold price, on the assumption that some central banks will avail themselves of their new freedom to sell their gold stocks to the highest bidder, and thereby to make very substantial capital gains. It is still not clear whether they will actually choose to do so. A number of the major central banks have already stated that they do not plan massive sales, and may not even be inclined to use gold to offset balance-of-payment deficits.

Since all of them would welcome an addition to their international reserves, the downward pressure on the gold price is likely to come mainly from private sales. The net result of the development could conceivably be a further decline in the gold price — though not to the old official level — a shift of some hoarded stocks into official reserves, and the release of private capital for more speculative investments.

An unrestricted gold market will facilitate the smooth flow of international payments but its direct impact on monetary issues is likely to be quite limited. Currency exchange rates are no longer dependent on gold prices. The dollar has been rising owing to the U.S.'s improved foreign trade balance, while sterling has been losing ground owing to Britain's trade losses. Neither of these trends is likely to be affected by gold market movements.

ISRAEL PRESS

Kissinger's intentions

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes: "Dr. Kissinger's proposal, which he himself calls 'one of the possible means' of guaranteeing Israel's borders, does not call for an immediate reaction from Israel. However, his intentions seem to be quite clear, and are best outlined by U.S. officials who say that Israel will have

to learn how to replace territories with a settlement of a different nature."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says: while outlining the reasons for U.S. support of Israel, Dr. Kissinger has no doubt made it clear that Israel will be required to make concessions. The major question is: where will the new boundaries be? It seems that a major part of the nation now agrees that Israel must achieve a peace agreement at the price of giving up territory.

Devar (Histadrut) writes that the Prime Minister's statement in the Knesset on Tuesday leaves no doubt as to Israel's stand on the cease-fire: Israel considers the agreement a mutual and reciprocal one, equally binding on both parties. Non-compliance with any one of its clauses would render it void.

Shearim (Poalei Agudat Israel) notes the balanced, yet aggressive approach of the Prime Minister to the serious problems connected with the cease-fire agreement. "Extreme caution on Israel's part is required especially in view of the Egyptian military spokesman's emphasis on the fact that, despite the cease-fire, Egypt considers itself in a state of war with Israel."

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Pilgrimage in the Old Testament
Professor Arthur Merrill, New Brighton, Minnesota,
at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 1973
in the Auditorium of the Institute, Tantur
(on the main road to Bethlehem).

Building for tomorrow and paying for the war

THE war forced upon us 40 days ago required the Government to take many decisions in the economic sphere. All of them were brought before the Knesset or the Finance Committee, and were approved. They included the Compulsory and Voluntary War Loans; transfer of funds from the Development Budget to the Security Budget; increase in fuel prices, taxes and a curtailment in subsidies. All with the exception of the increase of fuel prices (which had also risen abroad), were designed to finance the costs of the war which were greater than we have ever known before. The citizens of Israel were not only called upon to bear the burden of the war, which is greater than anything else but also to accept a very heavy financial strain.

To its credit, the public accepted this with maturity and understanding. Undoubtedly, this can be attributed to the confidence of several facts. Everyone knows in what terrible danger we stood and what a price we paid in human lives to be saved from it. Compared with those sacrifices, any financial effort is relatively minor in importance. The public knows that we have made every effort to ensure that low income groups and those mobilized into the army would not be hurt.

In other words, even in times such as these, the aspects of social justice were taken into consideration as far as possible. I am certain, for example, that the knowledge that the Equalization Fund is to be put into operation, despite the fact that it is not required by the law, encourages many of the soldiers and reduces their concern about providing for their families. What this means is that through the Fund, the mobilized soldier will receive his wages based on his average pay over the last three months, up to an amount of ₪1,500 per month. I hope that factories and institutions will work together with those employees who have not been mobilized to make up the difference in the full wages of their colleagues in uniforms. This can be done on the basis of mutual aid, so that those whose wages are high because of overtime work, will divert part of the increase to make up the differential in the earnings of their colleagues who are still on active army service.

Easing the burden

This makes it easier for the public to bear the extra financial burden of four billion Israeli pounds a year, made up of a billion from the compulsory war loan, a billion from the voluntary war loan, a billion (net) from indirect taxes and cancellation of subsidies and an additional 900 million Israeli pounds from fuel and electric rates. All together, a sum of four billion Israeli pounds — a sum the like of which we have never known before. But beyond this, I believe that an additional factor strengthened our hands both in the war and in the economic effort. I refer to the solidarity with us which world Jewry displayed, and not for the first time.

I had the privilege of seeing our brethren in the Diaspora during the 1967 war and during this latest war. Even if I attempted to relate only a little of what I saw, I would be incapable of describing my feelings at witnessing the incomparable identification with us of Jews, in many communities separated by great distances. They had one common feeling — concern for what was happening in Israel and a desire to help to the best of their ability in the struggle for the existence of the State, which they saw as a struggle for the existence of the Jewish people. As you know, the mobilization of funds for Israel abroad is conducted through two major channels. These are the Magbit, which has different names — UVA or



Keren Hayesod — in different countries, and the Development Loan, the "Bonds". The former collects contributions and the second gathers loans. That is the difference between them, but what is common to them is greater than the difference: these two organizations funnel to Israel — the former via the Jewish Agency — funds which permit the financing of social activities and development activities when local means which would have been used for these ends are diverted to security needs.

The war had only just broken out and we were flooded with telephone calls from abroad requesting instructions on how to operate and on what scale. All the queries showed the profound feelings of concern for the existence of the State. The leaders of world Jewry sought encouragement from us and to have reinforced their hope that the disturbing news reaching their ears was not true.

During the first week of the war, continuous guidance was relayed to the leaders of Jewry from here. Towards the second week, it was decided that it would be better if the acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and I, and also the former Chief of Staff, Haim Laskov, were to go and meet the heads of the communities in North America and Europe personally.

The journey was necessary (and it is not pleasant to have to leave Israel in times of war) and stemmed from two related facts: the prolongation of the war and the rising costs involved by this prolongation. It became evident to us that the sums which we considered exaggerated during the first days seemed too low from the second week on. We did not go empty-handed to the Jews of the West. Stories of heroism on the one hand, and the response of the Israeli public to the voluntary war loans on the other, even though they were late in the same plane, gave us the right to turn to our brothers in the West with the request that they place large means at our disposal.

My powers of description are inadequate to tell you what we saw and felt during that eight-day journey — eight days during which we met Jews individually and in groups in the largest cities of the United States and Canada and in the capitals and chief cities of Western Europe. We flew each night accompanied by the leaders of Jewry who devoted themselves to the cause day and night. The concentration of experiences in so short a period was tremendous and will certainly leave its mark on us for many years. We saw the Jewish people at a time which I do not hesitate to describe as their finest hour. They did not ask questions and they did not make difficulties, even though it was apparent that they were surprised

by the progress of events. They wanted to know what we needed, and mobilized themselves to help get it.

In general terms, I realized again, as in 1967, that those of us who were disappointed in the young generation of World Jewry did not plumb the depths of the heart of Jewish youth during crisis. Not only did the young students give what they had, they went to solicit, without shame, from the wealthy men of the various communities. When it seemed to them that someone did not appreciate the full seriousness of the situation and did not respond adequately, they did not hesitate to speak to him in strong language and to demand, actually demand, additional effort.

But in most cases this was not necessary. As is known, most of the money comes from a relatively small number of Bond buyers and contributors. Abroad, they are termed the "millionaires" — those they participate in the amount of a million dollars or more. There were several dozen of these and obviously, they set the level for the others. Thus, for example, a prominent woman to whom I spoke, notified me by telephone of a contribution of five million dollars which she increased after a few days to seven and a half million dollars. There were some whose individual contributions amounted to \$5,000,000 and many more whose individual contributions exceeded the sum of \$1,000,000.

The total of the world quotas today is one billion and three hundred million dollars for the Magbit, through the Jewish Agency, and \$650 million dollars for Israel Bonds. We are talking about a period of 15 months from the beginning of the war until the end of 1974. In normal times we would expect during this period from 700 to 750 million dollars from both these organizations together.

Immigration

I don't have to waste words on how much we need this money. Our objectives are to continue as far as possible to absorb immigration, to continue our social programs, to continue our housing plans, with stress on young couples and, of course, to continue the development of the economy.

Without the money to which I have referred, we could not bear the expenditures involved in these programmes and simultaneously finance the war.

It should be borne in mind that the costs of the war do not include only direct security expenditures but also the loss of economic productivity. The Israeli taxpayer can and must finance the war, with the cost being felt in the standard of living of the general population but not in that of the low-income groups. However, we

cannot finance social and economic investments from our own means.

On the other hand, there is no doubt how much we need these investments. The soldiers who fought with such heroism in the fruit of Israel's social and educational system. This was a worthwhile investment and we must continue to invest in it with even greater energy. The economy will succeed admirably in standing up to the war despite problems here and there, mostly in transportation — is a result of the investments made in it over the years.

Therefore, our request to the Jewish public to invest in this economy through the Reconstruction and Development Loan Bonds falls on responsive ears. Not only is the need for the money clear but the reason for additional development is well understood. We are presenting this bill, which is for an additional issue of billion dollars in Israel Bonds. I am certain that the Knesset will approve the issue and also the increase in the amount for which the Finance Committee has requested approval. We discover that there is room for an issue of a half billion in Israel Bonds and not a \$750,000,000, as was first planned.

During these past weeks, we received and exceeded the total of two and a half billion dollars in Israel Bonds sold. Of this amount, more than one billion dollars has already been redeemed. It is doubtful that in the history of the world's nations there has been an effort which succeeded in raising loans in such huge sums. It is doubtful that there has ever been a time when as many people loaned money to a country under terms in which the interest paid is not measured only in percentage points but primarily in the state's achievements and its development.

I am certain that from this Knesset building will go forth both encouragement and recognition of the efforts made by our brethren in the Diaspora, and it should be said on behalf of all of us, how great we feel ourselves strengthened by the solidarity with us they are displaying. The message should go to the Bond buyers in Israel, our Development, Budget and Finance Ministers, and to the many contributors to the Jewish Agency to take upon their shoulders more objectives in the field of immigration and absorption and in the development of social services. Both of the groups enable us to maintain the uniqueness of Israel. And this uniqueness is expressed by the fact that even in times of war we continue to think and act in various areas which are more appropriate to times of peace.

I am also submitting a proposal for a second bill which deals with the beginning of an additional five per cent levy on imports which will also apply to agricultural products. From the first days of the war we have been guided by this principle: taxes for financing the war should be spread to everyone. This is how we have come to the compulsory loan, which is levied on approved enterprises as well as on those who come from overtime work and bonuses. This is how we propose to act regarding the levy on imports.

This principle does not stem from a lack of interest in investments. On the contrary — we have never needed capital more and I am encouraged by the fact that large companies continue even during the war, with plans which were decided upon before the war. If we believe, as I said, that in the present circumstances, there is no room for a suspension of investment in Israel and abroad agree with this line of thinking. The proof is that many foreign companies with interests in Israel have responded well to the voluntary war loan. This is also a show of solidarity for which we are grateful, and of which to be proud

Readers' letters

HELP FAMILIES OF OUR WOUNDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Today, the guns are relatively silent, the tension has been somewhat eased. Yet, for our wounded — and for their families — the war is far from over.

There is a tremendous need for volunteer drivers to take families back and forth to the hospitals to visit their wounded. Civilians who have cars at their disposal and who are aware that our wounded are lying weakened in hospitals throughout the country and that such trips may be all-day trips, are asked to contact Lea Ratkin at 03-261111, Extension 477.

I speak from personal experience. There is no *mitava* greater than making it possible for a mother or

BALANCED NEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Far from being outraged at The Jerusalem Post's being in his eyes, a "mouthpiece of the Government," Harvey Lieber (November 6) should be glad that it deserves to appear so.

That it's no mouthpiece is too obvious to document. Any careful reader can find, along with the daily factual reporting, both criticism of government actions and reporting of other points of view. But because The Jerusalem Post has no English language rivals as do the Hebrew papers, The Post has not needed to write provocative and carrying stories to hold its readership. It can afford to give us a thoughtful and responsible presentation of the news. We may count ourselves fortunate to have this balanced account of events provided us by The Jerusalem Post.

K. SONNENBOEN FALK
Jerusalem, November 9.

BEN-AHARON PROTEST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Mark Segal has done it again with a pack of lies and insinuations. This is another low in your paper's standards. You never take the trouble to verify your "information." Is there no limit to the arbitrary slanders against me on the part of your paper?

I. BEN-AHARON
Tel Aviv, November 14.

CARELESS DAY FOR DOCTORS?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — According to the new regulations, the one-day ban on cars affects all doctors except those "on duty." Such a decision goes against common sense and is detrimental to the standard of our health services. (In Holland, the doctors drive freely on "car-less Sundays.")

Apart from the fact that a doctor, even when not on duty, has the moral obligation to visit a patient when called, the emergency doctor service as maintained by Magen David Adom and some sick funds (often only one doctor on duty for a whole town) is not on a 24-hour basis. Furthermore, duty doctors are general practitioners.

DR. J. WILCOCK
Haifa, November 11.

ASBESTOS AND CHEMICALS CORPORATION LTD.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of the Company that an extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Company will be held on December 10, 1973 at 12 noon at the registered office of the Company, 10 Rehov Habarzel, Tel Aviv.

- On the agenda:
- (A) Declaration of dividends.
 - (B) Distribution of bonus shares.
 - (C) Consolidation of existing shares.
 - (D) Amendments to Articles of Association.
 - (E) Miscellaneous.
- On behalf of the Board of Directors
Edward Schwartz

DRIVER — VOLUNTEER
Stop at bus stops and pick up soldiers, pupils, and housewives.

Personal Viewpoint By MOSHE KOH

Choosing a dry day

TO conserve petrol, the Government is introducing a one-day-a-week motorist ban on private driving. Drivers will be able to choose their "dry day," but the Transport Minister has asked the public to choose Saturday. He said it was decided not to make Saturday a mandatory "dry day" lest civil-libertarians accuse the Government of interference in through the back door. One may also assume that an important factor in a Sabbath day is that the recreational and social driving done on that day involves more kilometers and fuel than workday driving.

On the day this measure was announced (Nov. 9), the Chief Rabbi, with its usual lack of imagination and tactical sense, demanded that Saturday be made the mandatory no-driving day for all, from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday, even as the Dutch Government has declared Sunday, the Christian Sabbath, as the mandatory dry day. The Rabbi added that this would bring us an added measure of "Heavenly Grace."

I am a Sabbath-observant Jew (though not a driver), but I don't know how the Rabbi knows so much about how Heavenly Grace is apportioned — though I can imagine how much grace the reduced driving will add to our skies, especially in the cities.

Added grace

Be that as it may, I should like to make a suggestion to fellow Sabbath-observers that will surely add grace to themselves — in their own eyes and in the eyes of their non-observant fellows. Since you already rest your cars on the Sabbath, choose a weekday and not the Sabbath for your official dry day. The added grace will come in that you and your fellowmen will know that you, too, have a genuine share in the general sacrifice — for after all, your Sabbath rest is not a sacrifice to you, but a sweet duty. Since the plan calls for a daily 2 a.m. — 3 a.m. motorist ban on driving, and a Sabbath motorist ban running from 2 a.m. Saturday till the Sabbath is out, Sabbath observers will still be able to use their cars for social and recreational purposes on Saturday night.

As to the Dutch example — two things should be borne in mind: 1. The Dutch have a long weekend with Saturday off for recreation and shopping. 2. As far as I understand the Dutch, there are no nervous civil-libertarians among them who

see "religious coercion" lurking every corner. Together with the "dry day" measure, another measure which ought to initiate voluntarily pooling. People working in the establishments, neighbours, business people operating in each other's vicinity, shopping houses might coordinate their dry days so that in each grouping and neighbourhood there is every day a reasonable number of cars taking carrying the maximum possible passengers heading towards a particular area.

In institutions or companies which employ employees who own cars, a similar driving allowance, which own car "attached" to particular employees, some arrangement like this might be made obligatory. This would have the added advantage of enabling the institution and companies to save money on their car-allowance budgets during the hard economic times ahead.

Speaking of cars — there are our roads premature and distressed signs that everything is back to normal. In the first days — weeks — of the Yom Kippur war, one rarely saw a car inside towns and certainly on the urban roads, that was not carrying a full load of soldiers and civilians. Today even soldiers already standing on the roads long periods without getting a lift. Often this means that a soldier will not get home at all during his leave, but rather, he will leave.

Does anybody have any suggestions why this should be? Here, perhaps, the civilian military police ought to be empowered to stop cars with empty seats and instruct their drivers to take soldiers going their way, as one driver pleaded for in a letter on page a few days ago.

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